AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A method of dynamically assigning usage rights to digital content for use in a system having at least one repository, said method comprising:

specifying, using a processor, a usage right, the usage right comprising computer readable data stored on a recording medium, the data of the usage right specifying an authorized use of digital content and being enforceable by a repository;

determining, using a processor, a status of a dynamic condition; and

dynamically assigning, using a processor, the usage right to the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition,

wherein access to the digital content is controlled by the repository through enforcement of the usage right assigned to the digital work.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the usage right specifies a resolution of the digital content that is authorized for use by the user.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, comprising:

determining a resolution for download of the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition;

applying a sub-band decomposition algorithm to the digital content to create sub-images; and

combining the sub-images into a processed image of the determined resolution for downloading.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said applying step comprises applying a wavelet decomposition algorithm to the digital content.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the dynamic condition includes a time of day.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the dynamic condition includes a load on a computer system used to distribute the digital content.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the usage right includes a fee charged for the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the usage right includes a distribution right for the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the authorized use of the digital content includes at least one of an ability to print the digital content, an ability to distribute the digital content, a number of times that the digital content can be used, and a resolution of the digital content, and

wherein the method comprises dynamically assigning based on the status of the dynamic condition the usage right specifying the at least one of the ability to print the digital content, the ability to distribute the digital content, the number of times that the digital content can be used, and the resolution of the digital content.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the digital content includes textual content.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the digital content includes audio content.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the digital content includes video content.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the digital content includes software.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising conducting the determining step in a continuous manner.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising conducting the determining step in a periodic manner.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising distributing the digital content and wherein said determining step occurs contemporaneously with said distributing step.

18. (Currently Amended) A system for dynamically assigning usage rights to digital content and including at least one repository, said system comprising:

a processor ~~for specifying~~ programmed to specify a usage right, the usage right specifying an authorized use of digital content and being enforceable by a repository;

a processor ~~for determining~~ programmed to determine a status of a dynamic condition; and

a processor ~~for dynamically assigning~~ programmed to dynamically assign the usage right to the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition,

wherein access to the digital content is controlled by the repository through enforcement of the usage right assigned to the digital work.

19-21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the usage right specifies a resolution of the digital content that is authorized for use by the user.

23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 22, further comprising:

a processor ~~for determining~~ programmed to determine a resolution for download of the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition;

a processor ~~for applying~~ <u>programmed to apply</u> a sub-band decomposition algorithm to the digital content to create sub-images; and

a processor for combining the sub-images into a processed image of the determined resolution for downloading.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 23, wherein said processor ~~for applying~~ <u>programmed to apply</u> further applies a wavelet decomposition algorithm to the digital content.

25. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the dynamic condition includes a time of day.

26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the dynamic condition includes a load on a computer system used to distribute the digital content.

27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the usage right includes a fee charged for the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition.

28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the usage right includes a distribution right for the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition.

29. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, wherein the authorized use of the digital content includes at least one of an ability to print the digital content, an ability to distribute the digital content, a number of times that the digital content can be used, and a resolution of the digital content, and the system further comprises a processor ~~for dynamically~~ <u>programmed to dynamically assign</u> ~~assigning~~, based on the status of the dynamic condition, the usage right specifying at least one of the ability to print the digital content, the ability to distribute the digital content, the number of times that the digital content can be used, and the resolution of the digital content.

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30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the digital content includes textual content.

31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the digital content includes audio content.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the digital content includes video content.

33. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the digital content includes software.

34. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, further comprising a processor ~~for conducting~~ programmed to conduct the determining of the status of the dynamic condition in a continuous manner.

35. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, further comprising a processor ~~for conducting~~ programmed to conduct the determining of the status of the dynamic condition in a periodic manner.

36. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, further comprising a processor ~~for distributing~~ programmed to distribute the digital content and a processor for conducting the determining of the status of the dynamic condition contemporaneously with distribution of the digital content.

37. (Currently Amended) A device for enforcing usage rights assigned to digital content, said device comprising:
    a repository for receiving the digital content;
    a processor ~~for requesting~~ programmed to request use of the digital content; and

a repository for enforcing use of the digital content in accordance with a usage right specifying an authorized use of the digital content, wherein the usage right is dynamically assigned to the digital content based on a determined status of a dynamic condition.

38-39. (Cancelled)

40. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 37, wherein the usage right specifies a resolution of the digital content that is authorized for use by the user.

41. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 40, further comprising:

a processor ~~for determining~~ programmed to determine a resolution for download of the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition;

a processor ~~for applying~~ programmed to apply a sub-band decomposition algorithm to the digital content to create sub-images; and

a processor ~~for combining~~ programmed to combine the sub-images into a processed image of the determined resolution for downloading.

42. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 41, wherein said processor ~~for applying~~ programmed to apply further applies a wavelet decomposition algorithm to the digital content.

43. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 37, wherein the dynamic condition includes a time of day.

44. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 37, wherein the dynamic condition includes a load on a computer device used to distribute the digital content.

45. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 37, wherein the usage right includes a fee charged for the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition.

46. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 37, wherein the usage right includes a distribution right for the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition.

47. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 37, wherein the authorized use of the digital content includes at least one of an ability to print the digital content, an ability to distribute the digital content, a number of times that the digital content can be used, and a resolution of the digital content, and the usage right specifies at least one of the ability to print the digital content, the ability to distribute the digital content, the number of times that the digital content can be used, and the resolution of the digital content.

48. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 37, wherein the digital content includes textual content.

49. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 37, wherein the digital content includes audio content.

50. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 37, wherein the digital content includes video content.

51. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 37, wherein the digital content includes software.

52. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 37, wherein the status of the dynamic condition is determined in a continuous manner.

53. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 37, wherein the status of the dynamic condition is determined in a periodic manner.

54. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 37, wherein the digital content is distributed and the status of the dynamic condition is determined contemporaneously with distribution of the digital content.

55. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the steps of specifying, determining, and assigning are carried out using the same processor.

56. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, wherein the processors ~~for specifying, determining, and assigning~~ programmed to specify, determine and assign are combined into a single processor.

57. (Original) The device of claim 37, wherein the repository for receiving and the repository for enforcing are combined into a single repository.